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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Nicholas J. Richardson  
Serial No.: 10/658,901  
Filed: September 9, 2003  
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING CASCADED  
TRIE-BASED NETWORK PACKET SEARCH ENGINES  
Group No.: 2162  
Examiner: Shahid Al Alam

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

No fees are believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0208. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and please charge the fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

In response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of September 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: